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FOR SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

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SUBJECT: BUREAU CONTACTS WITH CARTER TRANSITION OFFICE

1. AT MY REQUEST S/S ASKED THE BUREAUS DECEMBER 1 WHAT CONTACTS THEY HAD HAD SO FAR WITH TONY LAKE AND HIS COLLEAGUES, OTHER THAN WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PAPERS.

2. SOME BUREAUS HAVE STILL NOT BEEN CONTACTED; OTHERS HAVE BEEN ASKED PRIMARILY TO DESCRIBE THEIR ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION. IN SOME CASES, HOWEVER, INTERESTING THINGS HAVE COME FORTH:

A.) MCHENRY TOLD BILL LUERS THAT FOR NOW PANAMA WAS THEIR ONLY TOP-PRIORITY ITEM IN ARA, ALTHOUGH MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN WERE POSSIBILITIES. THEY HAD NO ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON LATIN AMERICA, AND WOULD WANT ARA'S IDEAS ON POLICY OPTIONS. LUERS GAINED THREE STRONG IMPRESSIONS: (1) CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO A CONSIDERABLE CHANGE IN THE AID/STATE RELATIONSHIP; (2) THE TEAM WAS CONSIDERING REORGANIZATION OF CU, PA AND USIA (PRESUMABLY IN LINE

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WITH THE STANTON PANEL), AND/OR SOME COMBINATION OF PA

WITH S/P; (3) EMPHASIS WOULD BE GIVEN TO CAREER APPOINTMENTS, PARTICULARLY FOR TOP OVERSEAS POSTS.

B.) ROY ATHERTON REPORTS THAT DAN SPIEGEL ASKED HIM WHICH SENIOR POSITIONS MIGHT BE OPEN IN THE MONTHS AHEAD BOTH IN NEA (I.E. DEPUTIES) AND IN THE FIELD, AND WHICH REQUIRED CONTINUITY. ROY TOLD HIM THAT IN HIS VIEW, CONTINUITY WAS DESIRABLE IN KEY POSITIONS INVOLVED IN ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE EFFORTS.

C.) MCHENRY TOLD RICHARDSON AND HITCHCOCK IN CU THAT IMPLEMENTING THE STANTON PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE A MAJOR JOB, AND ASKED IF RICHARDSON COULD RECOMMEND ANY LESSER INITIAL ACTIONS. JOHN SUGGESTED A REFORMATION OF THE MISSIONS OF OUR INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS. HE ALSO AGREED WITH MCHENRY'S SUGGESTION THAT NEW APPOINTMENTS TO HEAD CU AND USIA MIGHT BEST BE DEFERRED PENDING A DECISION ON THE STANTON RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH CAREER OFFICERS LEFT IN CHARGE IN THE INTERIM.

D.) DICK MOOSE HAS ASKED GEORGE VEST ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INDICATING THAT CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES THAT MIGHT DEAL WITH SECURITY ASSISTANCE. MOOSE HAS ALSO ASKED PM FOR FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA. (SPIEGEL, INCIDENTALLY, HAD ALSO FOCUSED IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH ROY ATHERTON ON HOW ARMS-TRANSFER DECISIONS WERE MADE, AND INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT A CENTRALIZED MECHANISM UNDER NSC WAS PROBABLY NEEDED.)

E.) KEMPTON JENKINS REPORTS THAT SPIEGEL SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN H'S RESEARCH CAPABILITY; ASKED ABOUT H'S RELATIONSHIP TO PRINCIPALS AND CONTACTS WITH WHITE HOUSE AND OTHER-AGENCY CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON STAFFS; AND APPEARED TO FAVOR MORE STATE CONTROL OVER CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF USIA, AID AND ACDA.

F.) SAM LEWIS REPORTS THAT BILL MAYNES HAS SO FAR SPENT ONE DAY AT USUN (MOSTLY WITH BENNETT, BRIEFLY WITH
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SCRANTON AND MYERSON) AND TWO DAYS IN IO. MAYNES WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN (1) POSSIBLE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES TO GIVE GREATER CLOUT TO MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY AND TO IO'S AND USUN'S INFLUENCE IN POLICY-MAKING, E.G. MURPHY COMMISSION PROPOSALS AND THE IDEA OF AN UNDER SECRETARY FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS; (2) A GREAT INCREASE IN CONTACT WITH CONGRESS; (3) WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE SHOULD OCCUPY TOP POSITIONS IN USUN AND IO, WHETHER CAREER OR

NOT, WITH PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS OR ORIENTED TOWARD
CONGRESS AND PUBLIC.

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G.) IN HIS INITIAL MEETING WITH WIN LORD, MAYNES
ASKED PRIMARILY ABOUT S/P'S ASSETS AND ROLE IN POLICY-
MAKING, WHILE PAULA STERN HAS DISCUSSED WITH HAL SAUNDERS
AND ROGER KIRK WHAT RELATIONSHIP INTELLIGENCE SHOULD HAVE
TO THE POLICY PROCESS. ROBINSON

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